



City of
Golden

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Notice and Order

Temporary Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

The Golden Fire Chief, in coordination with the City Manager, and as authorized in section 104.5 of the International Fire Code, ("Fire Code") as adopted by the City of Golden is hereby issuing this Notice and Order for temporary Stage 1 fire restrictions for the City of Golden effective:

Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

These restrictions are for the corporate limits of the City of Golden and supersede any Stage 1 fire restrictions or Stage 2 fire bans for Jefferson County.

THESE TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO:

THE ENTIRE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF GOLDEN, CO

DEFINITIONS

FIREWORKS: As defined in section 12-28-101(3) C.R.S, and shall specifically include "permissible fireworks" as defined in section 12-28-101(8) C.R.S. The possession, sale, furnishing, giving, use or ignition of **ALL fireworks**, to include state permissible fireworks are **prohibited** in the City of Golden **at all times**.

LIQUID OR GAS FUELED APPLIANCES: Appliances such as fire pits, grills, camp stoves, and Tiki torches that burn liquid or gaseous fuels and can be shut off. This does not include any device that burns solid fuels such as wood or charcoal and which must be extinguished.

OPEN FIRE AND OPEN BURNING: Any outdoor fire larger than a recreational fire and not contained within a portable outdoor fireplace. This includes but is not

limited to campfires, bonfires, warming fires, the lighting of any fused explosives, the use of model rockets, "sky lanterns", and the burning of fence lines or rows, grass lands, fields, farm lands, ditches, range lands, and wild lands. Permits from the Golden Fire Department are required for open fires or burning.

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACE: A commercially purchased portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other non-combustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening at the top. These devices must be operated according to the manufactures instructions with all covers, screens, spark arresters, and grates in place. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 30 feet of an undeveloped area.

RECREATIONAL FIRE: An outdoor fire burning material other than rubbish or debris where the fuel being burned is not contained in a portable outdoor fireplace, or barbeque grill and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. This includes fires in barrels and drums; fixed, permanent outdoor fireplaces; and barbeque pit fires.

UNDEVELOPED AREAS: Lands that are not groomed, manicured, or watered, where grasses, brush and trees have been allowed to grow in a natural environment. This includes green belts that are not landscaped or manicured, open space lands, non-manicured park lands, and other areas where the fire hazard presented by the vegetation is determined to be an undue wild land fire hazard.

WELDING AND CUTTING TORCH APPLIANCES: Gas cylinder mixtures, electric and/or portable powered welders and cutting appliances which produce heat, flame, sparks, molten metal slag, etc.

Pursuant to Golden Fire Department's Annual Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans; and due to the continuing high fire danger condition within the City of Golden, temporary Stage 1 fire restrictions are issued.

The following activities are **PROHIBITED** pursuant to these Stage 1 fire restrictions:

- **Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire or recreational campfire, *except* a recreational fire within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.**

NOTE: For permitted private residential recreational campfires, citizens are strongly encouraged to contact the Golden Fire Department dispatch center at 303-384-8045 to advise of start and finish times to alleviate smoke check responses.

- **Smoking at a recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.**
- **Open Fire and Open Burning including “bon fires” that require a permit from the Golden Fire Department.**

NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of these temporary fire restrictions shall not be authorized unless approved by the Golden Fire Department on the day of execution.

Exemptions approved under these temporary Stage 1 fire restrictions:

- Use of liquid or gas fueled appliances
- Approved wood pellet grills
- Charcoal barbeque grills not closer than 30 feet from an undeveloped area
- Portable outdoor fireplaces not closer than 30 feet from an undeveloped area
- Welding and cutting torch appliances, as described above in the definition section, may only be operated in an area no closer than 30 feet from an undeveloped area
- Recreational fires not closer than 30 feet from an undeveloped area
- Permitted fires by persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act such as professional fireworks displays. Contact must be made with the Golden Fire Department to verify the status of permits issued prior to the establishment of burn restrictions.
- Fire Department / District training fires
- Burning of explosive wastes by manufacturer of explosives in areas zoned for industrial use, when the burning is supervised by the Golden Fire Department.
- Open fires or open burning by any federal, state, or local officer in the performance of official fire suppression functions

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Possible measures include, but are not limited to:

- Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby.
- Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby.
- Coordination with the Golden Fire Department to be on scene or standby during an activity.

Failure to adhere to these temporary Stage I fire restrictions is a violation of section 109.1 of the Fire Code. (Section 16.04.010 Golden Municipal Code)

Pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 16.04 of the Golden Municipal Code, violations of these restrictions are punishable by a **fine not exceeding \$2650 or imprisonment for a period of not more than 6 months, or by both** fine and imprisonment, if convicted.

These temporary Stage 1 fire restrictions, dated and executed below, supersede all previous fire restrictions and bans, and shall remain in effect until superseded or rescinded by order of the Fire Chief.

Executed this 31st day of March, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. by:

Alicia Welch, Fire Chief